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ESTABLISHMENT OF A NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE IN SOUTH ASIA

Report of the Secretary-General

1. On 16 December 1993, the General Assembly adopted resolution 48/72, on the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia, paragraphs 1 to 6 of which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

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"1. Reaffirms its endorsement, in principle, of the concept of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia;

"2. Urges once again the States of South Asia to continue to make all possible efforts to establish a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia and to refrain, in the meantime, from any action contrary to that objective;

"3. Welcomes the support of all the five nuclear-weapon States for this proposal, and calls upon them to extend the necessary cooperation in the efforts to establish a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to communicate with the States of the region and other concerned States in order to ascertain their views on the issue and to promote consultations among them with a view to exploring the best possibilities of furthering the efforts for the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia;

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"5. Also requests the Secretary-General to report on the subject to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session;

"6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session the item entitled 'Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia'."

2. Pursuant to the request contained in paragraph 4 of the resolution, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 2 March 1994, requested the States of the region and other concerned States to provide their views on the matter by 15 June 1994. By 1 August 1994, no reply had been received. Any replies which may be received will be issued as addenda to the present report.